

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent No. : 6,956,176
Issue Date : October 18, 2005
Application No. : 10/634,901
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SELECTIVELY
LOCKING A STANDARD PLUG TO A STANDARD
RECEPTACLE

Decision and Certificate of Correction Branch
Commissioner for Patents
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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.323**

Sir:

This is in response to the Post Issue Communication letter dated April 20, 2006. This letter is to Request for Reconsideration of Certificate of Correction.

In order to respond to the request of the Patent and Trademark Office, the Abstract of the above-identified patent has been reduced. The Abstract has been amended as follows:

(1) On the front page of the patent, replace the Abstract with the following Abstract:

--An enclosure is provided which supports a lever handle which can be positioned to a first position which allows a plug to be inserted into or removed from a receptacle and a second position which prevents the plug from being inserted into or removed from the receptacle. The enclosure also supports a switch handle which is coupled to a switch within the enclosure, and to the lever handle. When the lever handle is in its first position, the switch handle and the switch are locked to their "off" positions. When the lever handle is in its second position, the switch handle and the switch are free to be positioned by a user either to their "off" positions or "on" positions.--


The Certificate of Correction (Form PTO/SB/44) is attached indicating the change.

The mistake is minor in character and does not constitute new matter or require reexamination. Correction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.323 is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$100.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(a) to Deposit Account No. 50-1561 of Greenberg Traurig, LLP. Any deficiency in or overpayment of fees in connection with this Request should likewise be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1561 of Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

A Certificate of Correction for the above-identified patent has been prepared and is attached hereto. Approval of the Certificate of Correction is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Sutton', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the ABSTRACT, section (57), delete lines 1-20 and insert the following words:

--An enclosure is provided which supports a lever handle which can be positioned to a first position which allows a plug to be inserted into or removed from a receptacle and a second position which prevents the plug from being inserted into or removed from the receptacle. The enclosure also supports a switch handle which is coupled to a switch within the enclosure, and to the lever handle. When the lever handle is in its first position, the switch handle and the switch are locked to their "off" positions. When the lever handle is in its second position, the switch handle and the switch are free to be positioned by a user either to their "off" positions or "on" positions.--

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